

**Summary of Program
Information**

Application Deadline

Rolling Admission

Start Date

August

Completion Date

June

Program Hours

Monday–Friday

5-10 (Evenings)

Plus, every other weekend

Two-day clinical's required

**National League of Nursing Exam
(NLN) \$100.00**

**Call: Gina Cerbone 978-671-3646 to
set up an appointment**

Fully Approved by the Massachusetts Board of
Registration in Nursing Rev 3/12

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Educational



Program Hours

Term I (16 weeks) Course	Class/ Lab	Clin	Hrs
Human Growth & Development	26		26
Vocational Trends I	16		16
Anatomy & Physiology	48		48
Microbiology	26		26
Nutrition I	16		16
Pharmacology I	34		34
Fundamentals of Nursing	135	130	265
Total Term Hrs	301	130	431
Term II (8 weeks) Course	Class/ Lab	Clin	Hrs
Maternity/Newborn	24	15	39
Mental Health Concepts	34		34
Pediatrics	24	10	34
Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical II		106	106
Total Term Hours	107	106	213
Term III (16 weeks) Course	Class/ Lab	Clin	Hrs
Vocational Trends II	16		16
Medical Surgical/ Adult Incorporates- Pharmacology II (32 hrs) Nutrition II (16 hrs)	108	240	348
Geriatric Nursing	36	66	102
Total Term Hours	160	306	466
Total Program Hours	568	542	1110

*Academic Passing grade is 75%

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**SHAWSHEEN VALLEY
SCHOOL
OF
PRACTICAL NURSING**



2022-2023

**100 Cook Street
Billerica, MA 01821
Phone: 978-671-3646**

**This program is Rolling Admissions
Website:
www.shawsheenpracticalnursing.com**

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Philosophy

Nursing is recognized as an art and a science based on concepts, knowledge and clinical nursing care skills that are directed toward the promotion of health and the prevention of illness through communication and patient education.

Practical nursing education provides a formal program of scientific and theoretical information with concurrent clinical practice that is presented in a curriculum designed to progress from the simple to the complex. Additionally, the program follows the normal sequence of human growth, in health and, from birth until death. The aging of our population requires that the curriculum place an emphasis on the older client's physical, psychological and social well being, while assisting him or her to a dignified death or to live in a community with appropriate support systems.

The educational process is active, dynamic and takes a holistic approach, encompassing cultural, nutritional, pharmacological and biopsychosocial human needs. Nursing education will describe, explain, explore and predict individual human needs, needs of the patient's family, and those of society. Nursing utilizes the nursing process, applied through critical thinking, to facilitate the wellness of clients.

This practical nursing program is designed to respond to the emerging health care needs of the individual in a changing health care system in the United States, a system in which practical nursing will play an ever-growing integral role, helping to provide access to health care for people in their homes, hospitals, clinics, doctor's offices, extended health care facilities and nursing homes. Practical Nurses function within the standards of practice, demonstrating safe, competent and legal/ethical practice.

Consistent with the philosophy of the institution, the practical nursing administration and faculty will work to create a climate in which students are motivated to maximize the use of their talents and abilities. The environment most conducive to learning is one in which the teacher and student share mutual respect, and where theory and clinical experiences are correlated and taught in a logical sequence. Practical nursing is an integral component of the nursing profession and provides a solid foundation for continuing nursing education as a continuum through articulation into professional nursing education programs. Nursing education supports continuation of self-development and maintenance of competency by active involvement in continuing education.

Program Description

Shawsheen Valley School of Practical Nursing is designed to provide eligibility for the graduate to take the NCLEX-PN (National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses) examination upon graduation. This program is offered over a 40-week period that follows the Shawsheen Valley Regional High School's calendar and is offered in an evening and weekend format. This course provides the theoretical framework, skills laboratory and clinical practices that enable the graduate nurse to work within the scope of the practical nurse in Massachusetts.

Admission Requirements

- Applicant must be at least 17 ½ years of age
- Take the National League for Nursing PN Entrance examination and receive a minimum placement score of 50% in Reading and Math. Higher percentile scores will be given preference.
- Take the timed Stanford Diagnostic Reading Comprehension scans test and receive a score of 25 out of 30 correct Rev 4/19
- Complete the Math for Nurses test and receive a score of 80% or higher
- Complete the Shawsheen Valley School of Practical Nursing application
- Complete the personal essay on the day of interview
- Bring a Resume
- Submit three letters of recommendation. It is recommended that at least two of the references are obtained by individuals who can evaluate your performance in the classroom or work environment.
- Candidates must submit evidence of completion of a Secondary Education of one of the following documents, official high school transcripts or proof of receipt of a GED/ HiSET
- Submit College transcripts (required from all colleges attended)
- Applicants with transcripts from outside the United States must obtain written official documentation of transcripts showing high school graduation or equivalency from native country. Transcripts from outside the US may be translated by the Center for Educational Documentation in Boston 617-522-4738.
- Proof of Residence: Birth certificate with seal, green card with valid dates and/or Naturalization paperwork. We can only accept applicants with paperwork that will not expire during our school year.
- **** If you have Naturalization paperwork that is not finalized please DO NOT MAKE AN APPOINTMENT.**

Prior to the start of the program: students must provide evidence of good health by presenting the following: Health criteria:

- a. Pre-entrance medical exam
- b. Pre-entrance immunization records
- c. Proof of health insurance

Affiliating Facilities

Tewksbury Hospital, Care One Concord, Bear Hill Nursing Home, Advinia Care

Non-Refundable seat deposit: \$500.00

Tuition \$11,000.00 (current) *Subject to change

Additional Fees \$940.00 (current)*Subject to change: **Include:** Activity/Lab Fee, Capping/Graduation Fee, Malpractice Insurance, and testing fee for "ATI, Lab supplies.

Payments to Various Vendors/Agencies

NCLEX Exam, Graduation Pictures (optional)
Application fee, Books, Uniforms, stethoscope, Blood pressure cuff, Watch (mandatory with second hand) **\$1450.00**

***The above items are estimated and are subject to change.**

****Shawsheen Regional Vocational School shall provide equal access to and opportunity in its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed religion, national origin, gender, age, disability, military status, veterans, sexual orientation, gender, or genetic information.**

Mission Statement

The Shawsheen Valley School of Practical Nursing provides a formal program of scientific and theoretical information with concurrent clinical practice that progresses from simple to complex, focusing on multi-formity and holistic components across the lifespan. This will prepare the practical nursing student for a nursing profession while stressing the importance of continuing education throughout their career.

Vision

We envision that the Shawsheen Valley School of Practical Nursing will:

- Prepare students to respond to the emerging health care needs of the individual in a changing health care system
- Enable students to function within the Massachusetts standards of practice, demonstrating safe, competent, legal and ethical practice
- Employ highly qualified faculty that will create a climate in which students are motivated to maximize the use of their talents and abilities
- Foster an environment where critical thinking skills are developed
- Support community partnerships for the purpose of community service and integrating work experience with school programs
- Maintain a state-of-the-art facility that meets industry standards
- Practice sound and responsible fiscal management to provide appropriate resources for instruction
- Expect students to reach high academic and clinical achievement standards